Dependence on import of edible oils

†3308. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the dependency on the import of edible oils is increasing in the country over the years in order to meet the requirement of consumption;

(b) if so, the percentage of dependency in the years 2004-05 and 2008-09;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this dependence was only 2 per cent in the initial few years after the setting up of Oilseeds Technology Mission in the year 1986; and

(d) if so, the facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The shares of imported edible oils in total domestic availability in the years 2004-05 and 2008-09 (November to October) were 41.03% and 48.76% respectively.

(c) and (d) The percentage share of imported edible oils in total domestic availability had come down from 33.14% during 1986-87 to 0.88% during 1992-93. During the period from 1993-94 to 2008-09, the percentage share of imported edible oils went up from 3.14% to 48.76%.

Setting up of IIT in Kerala

3309. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether competent authority of Kerala had submitted representations on 10 August, 2006 to set up an Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) in Kerala;

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard;

(c) whether the competent authority of Kerala *vide* letter dated 28th November, 2006 had informed that the land for setting up of IIT in Kerala had been identified;

(d) if so, whether any action had been initiated to inspect the above land and to set up an IIT;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Kerala *vide* his letters dated 10th August and 27th November, 2006 had requested for setting up of a satellite campus of the

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Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras, in Kerala. The State Government had reportedly identified sufficient land at Palakkad for this purpose. However, the Government had taken a decision that establishment of large satellite campuses with regular Bachelor and Master programmes amount to setting up of new IITs and should be avoided.

(d) to (f) Based on the recommendations of the Scientific Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (SAC-PM), the Government in 2006 decided to establish three new Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) in Bihar in the East, Rajasthan in the West and Andhra Pradesh in the South. The Government subsequently, keeping in view the regional imbalance, decided to establish five more IITs in Gujarat, Orissa, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh. Presently there is no proposal to establish an IIT in Kerala, which already has an Indian Institute of Management (IIM) and a National Institute of Technology (NIT) at Kozhikode and an Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) at Thiruvananthapuram. Besides, a Central University has been established in Kerala with effect from 15.01.2009 and is functioning from temporary premises at Kasargod. Further, the Government have identified Thiruvananthapuram as one of the 14 Innovation Universities to be set up during the XIth and XIIth Plan periods.

Model colleges in educationally backward districts

3310. SHRI R. C. SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Expert Committee constituted by UGC for establishment of model colleges in the country has submitted its report;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Expert Committee has recommended for opening up of 400 model colleges in educationally backward districts of the country;

(c) if so, the details of districts identified in the State of Andhra Pradesh for opening up of such colleges;

(d) whether there is any proposal to open some colleges exclusively for girls;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) by when the colleges are going to become operational?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (f) Based on the report of a Committee constituted by the University Grants Commission, the Government has identified 374 higher educationally backward districts (HEBDs) where the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in higher education is less than the national GER, for establishment of a model degree college in each of these districts, with Central-State funding. The list includes 11 districts in Andhra Pradesh, namely, Adilabad, Anathapur, East